

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MAY 24, 2010

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, May 24th, 2010 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, county attorney, in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order, Ken Masters made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 10th meeting as presented. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Terri Nigh, of the Rush County Health Department, and Roy Mohr, Vice President of the Fair Board, appeared to request a change to the current Fee Schedule Ordinance used by the Health Department. The current ordinance specifies \$35.00 per day with no maximum amount charged for a temporary food permit. The Rush County Board of Health is requesting a maximum fee of \$100.00 for temporary food permits be added to the ordinance. After discussion as to what the fees should be, Ken Masters made the motion to amend the current Fee Schedule Ordinance for the Rush County Health Department changing the fee for a temporary food permit to \$35.00 per day with a maximum charge of \$100.00. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ken Masters made the motion to sign Amended Ordinance 2010-2 approving an amended fee schedule for the Rush County Board of Health. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HODGES BRANCH

Marvin Rees, Rush County Surveyor, and William Todd, Rush County Area Plan Director, presented information to the commissioners regarding the flood plain area of Hodges Branch between west 9th Street and north Main Street. They feel like the county can have the area resurveyed at a lesser cost than having the state do it. Commissioner Barnes asked Rees and Todd to document what drains have been installed and future drains to be installed which will divert the water flow away from Hodges Branch. Hopefully the information can be submitted to the state of Indiana and the area can be released from the flood zone saving flood insurance money to the property tax payers in this area. A motion was made by Marvin Cole and seconded by Ken Masters to hold a special meeting on Friday, May 28, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. to discuss this issue. Motion carried. The commissioners will then hold an executive session at 9:30 a.m.

ANDERSON TWP VOL FIRE DEPT

Becky Puckett presented the commissioners with the April run report. She also gave them a current roster of their members. They currently have 16 EMT's certified and three (3)

more will be certified in July. Commissioner Barnes informed Puckett there was nothing they needed to do for their July contract.

Puckett also said Nick White, Chief of the Anderson Twp Volunteer Fire Dept, would like to request some of the OCRA monies received and earmarked for volunteer services be given to the Anderson Twp Fire Dept for training and radios. Commissioner Barnes requested that White submit the paper work and appear before the commissioners personally to make the request.

C.E.R.T.

Ernie Otte and Heather English presented the commissioners with a list of supplies and equipment still needed by the Community Emergency Response Team. They asked the commissioners for financial support to purchase the remaining supplies. They are also in the process of applying for a grant through the Rush County Community Foundation. A motion was made from Ken Masters to give \$2,150.00 to the C.E.R.T. group from the OCRA funds designated for volunteer services. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RUSHVILLE FIRE DEPT TRAINING CENTER

DennisWayt, Assistant Fire Chief of the Rushville City Fire Department, presented the commissioners with information regarding the fire training facility to be built on Smiley Avenue. The facility will be available for training to city and volunteer fire departments. They have received several donations, finances and services, from local businesses and individuals. The City of Rushville has donated the land. The estimated cost to finish this first phase of the project is \$7,000.00. Ken Masters made a motion to give \$5,000.00 to be used for the training center from the OCRA funds designated for volunteer services. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

RIDE RUSH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Wanda Henderson requested the commissioners add \$10,000.00 to their 2011 budget to be given to Rush County Public Transportation "Ride Rush". The commissioners will keep that in mind.

COURTHOUSE PHONE CONTRACT

Randy Herbert presented the quote from Verizon for the courthouse phone contract. His recommendation is the 2 year contract. The three year contract states that if you want released from the contract earlier, there is a 25% penalty on the balance of the contract. He feels technology changes too quickly to enter the three year contract. Commissioner Barnes asked Herbert if he knew that all of the lines listed in the contract were active phone lines. Herbert does not know. A motion was made by Ken Masters and seconded by Marvin Cole to take the contract under advisement until the next commissioner meeting. This will give Herbert time to verify that all of the phone lines listed on the contract are active numbers. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barnes gave Herbert an email he received regarding a Master Street Address Guide for the county. He asked Herbert to look into it to see if it would benefit the county.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported currently housing 49 inmates. Seven (7) are sentenced, five (5) are DOC, and eleven (11) are females.

The jail inspection was completed on May 20. Sherwood should have the written report within thirty (30) days. Due to the consistently high inmate count, he is not sure of being able to house DOC prisoners in the future.

The merit board is accepting applications through Wednesday, May 26, to replace Detective Jim Owens. It is expected that Owens last day will be in mid-July.

Sherwood notified the commissioners that Nick White is now the president of the volunteer fire chiefs.

Commissioner Masters said that the Town of Carthage is working on re-establishing their law enforcement agency. Sherwood said the Rush County Sheriff's Department is taking the calls.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, presented two temporary right of ways for bridges 158 and 159 to be signed by the commissioners. One is with John, Dale and Dixie Meyer. The other is with Bernard and Lisa Spaeth. Commissioner Cole made the motion to sign the temporary right of ways. Commissioner Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bridge #116 over Blue River was bid improperly at the state. It is being rebid on May 26. Bridge #143 over Mudd Creek will be bid in September.

Bill Todd asked if the speed limit was being reviewed at the new Arlington School. Sitton said he is working with Mark Van Natta of the Rush County Schools on this issue.

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, presented payroll claims for approval for the period ending May 28th. Marvin Cole made the motion to approve the claims. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bi weekly claims were approved on a motion by Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

Adams informed the commissioners that she will be attending the Spring State Board of Accounts called County Auditors meeting in Fort Wayne May 26 through May 28. Tuesday will be classes sponsored by the Auditors Association.

She will have another of her staff members to take minutes at the special meeting being held on Friday, May 28th.

Turn Key Maintenance Contract

The date needs changed on the recently signed courthouse maintenance contract. This will be addressed at the June 7, 2010 meeting

Filters for the cooling units in the courthouse have been ordered and will be installed within the next couple of weeks.

EMA

Tom Barnes reported in the absence of Mike Ooley, EMA Director. The Rush County Comprehensive Emergency Plan (CEMP) has been updated. It needs to be signed by the County Commissioners, County Attorney, Auditor, Rush Memorial Hospital, REMC, Fire Chief, Sheriff, School Superintendent, Highway Superintendent, and Chaplain. The original will be kept in the EMA office. Commissioner Masters made the motion to acknowledge and sign the updated CEMP. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried. Highway Superintendent, Jerry Sitton, stated he is not comfortable signing the plan until he has had a chance to review it. It was given to him to review.

Ooley requested permission to submit a payroll claim to bring the deputy EMA director's salary up to date since the OCRA funds have been received. Ken Masters made the motion to bring the deputy EMA director pay up to date. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The mobile command unit will be set up at the Rush County Fair for emergency personnel to utilize for their operations.

The tornado siren grant is still alive and the EMA office is continuing to attempt to get the grant.

COUNTY ATTORNEY

County Attorney, Leigh Morning, is opening her new law office effective May 25th. She presented the commissioners her new telephone number and email address.

COMMISSIONER MINUTES

It has been noted the minutes have not been posted on the county website as “drafts”. Commissioner Masters made the motion that minutes not be posted to the county web site until the minutes have been approved by the commissioners two weeks after the original meeting. Commissioner Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried. Draft copies will still be posted on the public bulletin board at the courthouse and in the commissioners office. Also, County Ordinances and Resolutions will be posted in the minutes and also on the county web site. Carole Yeend, administrator of the county web site, stated the ordinances and resolutions can possibly be linked on the website.

FOREIGN TRADE ZONE (FTZ)

An email was received from Brad Buening, Executive Director of the Rush County ECDC, to the commissioners regarding the FTZ program. This program would allow foreign parts to be assembled in Rush County. Commissioner Cole made a motion to have Buening appear at the next commissioner meeting to discuss this issue. Commissioner Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MISC.

- Raleigh Fire Department is requesting \$48,000.00 for the 2011 budget.
- Shares Inc. is requesting \$50,000.00 for the 2011 budget.
- Becky Puckett was reminded that Milroy Fire Department needs to submit their budget request for 2011.
- Reviewed the April Treasurer Report.
- It was again noted the Rush Memorial Hospital Ambulance needs to report their monthly runs in the same format the other contracted ambulance services do. This will be addressed at the hospital meeting this evening.

Motion to adjourn was received from Marvin Cole, Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

/s/ Tom Barnes
Tom Barnes, Chairman

/s/ Marvin Cole
Marvin Cole

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Deborah C. Adams
Deborah C. Adams, Auditor